

was heard from Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Comer, Connolly, and Maxine Waters of California.

### THE FUTURE OF WOTUS: EXAMINING THE ROLE OF STATES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Future of WOTUS: Examining the Role of States”. Testimony was heard from Wesley Mehl, Deputy Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department; and public witnesses.

### UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS: EMERGING USES IN A CHANGING NATIONAL AIRSPACE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Emerging Uses in a Changing National Airspace”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING VA’S FAILURE TO ADDRESS PROVIDER QUALITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Failure to Address Provider Quality and Safety Concerns”. Testimony was heard from Gerard R. Cox, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Department of Veterans Affairs; Randall Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

### THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1244)

H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–85)

H.R. 1545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–86)

H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–87)

H.R. 3243, to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–88)

H.R. 3949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on November 21, 2017. (Public Law 115–89)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine recommendations from outside experts for a future National Defense Strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of M. Lee McClenney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the front lines of the opioid crisis, focusing on perspectives from states, communities, and providers, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for

the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief", 3 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act: An Update from FDA and NIH", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Identity Verification in a Post-Breach World", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Latest Developments in Combating Online Sex Trafficking", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investments, hearing entitled "Implementation and Cybersecurity Protocols of the Consolidated Audit Trail", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Effectiveness of U.S. Sanctions Programs", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "World Wide Threats: Keeping America Secure in the New Age of Terror", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role and Impact of Nationwide Injunctions by District Courts", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 2630, the "La Paz County Land Conveyance Act"; H.R. 3117, the "Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017"; H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 3979, the "Keep America's Ref-

uges Operational Act"; H.R. 4299, to provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals and to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4300, the "Admiral Lloyd R. 'Joe' Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4419, the "Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1675, the "National Landslide Preparedness Act"; H.R. 4033, the "National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act"; legislation to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; and legislation to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2623, the "Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017"; H.R. 4431, the "Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans' Pensions Act"; H.R. 3638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building"; H.R. 3655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the "Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building"; H.R. 4042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the "Borinqueneers Post Office Building"; H.R. 4285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the "James C. 'Billy' Johnson Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4301, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the "J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building", 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4460, the "Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2017"; H.R. 3814, the "No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act"; and H.R. 3813, the "Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Testimony of Erik Prince", 3 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be open in a closed space.